

## **Samuel Freeman – Eastham Land Records 1650 - 1745**

Samuel Freeman was born in Watertown in 1638. His father, Samuel, came from England in 1630 but returned to England for six years. His mother was Apphia Quicke. After Samuel's father died Apphia married Thomas Prence in 1645. Prence's previous wives Patience Brewster and Mary Collier had died. Prence raised Samuel as his son.

Samuel married Mercy Southworth in 1658. They both died in 1712 and are buried in Eastham Cove Burying Ground. Samuel has a slate gravestone probably carved by Nathaniel Emmes of Boston. Mercy has a fieldstone marker with faintly carved initials MF.

In the Eastham records Samuel is referred to as Deacon Samuel starting in the late 1600's to distinguish him from his son Samuel (1661-1742) who is referred to as Capt. Samuel. Capt. Samuel also has a slate gravestone in Cove Burying Ground as does his son Deacon Samuel (1688-1751) who would be the grandson of the first Deacon Samuel (1638-1712).

### 1659

Samuel Freeman purchased twenty acres adjoining his ten acres near Herring Pond and near the highway, PDF A195, M106, S33.

Granted to Samuel Freeman a piece of land by Long Pond. PDF P20.

### 1662

Thomas Prence gave his step-son Samuel Freeman and his wife Mercy the house and land north of the meeting house where they were living. Prence had purchased this property from Josiah Cooke in 1659. Prence reserved the right of access from his property through the Freeman property to the water. (It would have been convenient for Prence to travel by boat across Town Cove to his property at Tonset). PDF A131.

### 1669

Granted to Samuel Freeman twenty acres of upland adjoining land of Joseph Harding and near Herring Pond. Room for a highway was to be left by the pond. This might be a rerecording of Samuel Freeman's purchase of twenty acres near Herring Pond in 1659. PDF A124, S34, M177.

Samuel Freeman purchased from Richard Higgins two acres of meadow next to land of Daniel Cole at a place called by the Indians Potepokatucksett. PDF A124, M177.

Granted to Samuel Freeman four acres of meadow at Loge Bay which is the north arm of Silver Spring. PDF A124, M177, S34.

1695

The Town settled and marked with corner stones the bounds of twenty acres of upland purchased from Samuel Freeman by Joseph Harding. The land was on the westerly side of the highway that goes near Herring Pond. PDF M23, M24.

1711

Granted to Samuel Freeman and his heirs four acres near the house lots of Joseph Collins and Samuel Smith and near the pond commonly called ` Round Pond. PDF T70.

Granted to Samuel Freeman and his heirs six acres near the Meeting House and on the northwest side of the highway. It was near property of his son Capt. Samuel Freeman, Jabez Walker and Thomas Mayo. PDF T70.

Granted to Samuel Freeman and his heirs six acres for a wood lot. The lot was northwest from the house of Thomas Doane and near the head of Bass Pond. PDF T70.

The land owned by Samuel Freeman described in these records amounts to about seventy-five acres. By 1745 fourteen more Freemans received Eastham land grants.